

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 6, 10, and 14 have been amended. Claims 1-14 are presented for examination.

The claims were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Mukaiyama (6,631, 407). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration thereof is requested.

Mukaiyama discloses a device management network comprising a network device that transmits an SNMP trap indicating a change of its operation status to a management server when a status change has occurred. The management server then provides HTML data to a client running a browser. In order to operate, the user must activate the browser. See column 5, lines 35-51, which recites as follows:

“When a user wants to monitor the operation status of a certain printing device 10, the user activates the Web browser in his client device 30 to display a device management top page, which resides on the management server 20. Then, by clicking on a particular hyperlink in the device management top page, the user causes the Web browser to display a device list page. The device list page is a Web page including device icons and device descriptions (model names, MAC addresses, IP addresses, etc.) for respective printing devices 10. (Emphasis added.)

“When the user clicks on a device icon for a certain printer device in the device list page, various kinds of information exchange occur between the client device 30 running the Web browser and the management server 20 and between the management server 20 and the printing device 10 corresponding to the clicked device icon (referred to as "selected printing device" thereafter).”

In other words, in order to operate, Mukaiyama must have a browser that is open. It requires the user to launch the browser or keep the browser open during the performance of the service. There is no disclosure or suggestion of sending a command to a system to launch the browser or service to a particular network location if a predetermined event is determined to have occurred. This has the advantage of allowing the management server to communicate with the user without requiring the user to keep his browser open. Thus, the reference is deficient and does not meet the claim language

“sending a command to a system to launch the browser or service to a particular network location if the predetermined event is determined to have occurred.”

Note that the other dependent claims are allowable in view of the above and also in view of the additional limitations set forth respectively therein. Note by way of example, claim 4 calls for an authenticating step which is not disclosed in the Mukaiyama. The cite in the office action for this limitation does not refer to authentication as a precursor set prior to sending the launch command.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the claims are now in a condition for allowance. Early passage to issue is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is now in a condition for allowance.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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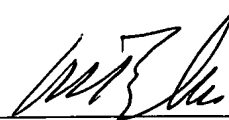
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